Little Silver remains 'dry'; Republicans regain control

LITTLE SILVER — The liquor license referendum went down to defeat here yesterday by nearly a 2-1 margin.

Voters also returned control of the Borough Council to the GOP, electing Republicans Richard Roddy and Laurence McHeffey to three-year terms on the governing body.

The liquor license referendum, which asked voters to approve the sale of liquor by the glass in the borough, lost by a margin of 1,804 votes to 1,070.

According to George Whitmore, borough attorney, the issue cannot be raised again until 1981, so the borough will remain "dry" at least for the next five years.

In the race for the two council spots, Mr. McHeffey, a lawyer, was top vote getter, with 1,772 votes. Mr. Roddy, also a lawyer, polled 1,701 votes.

Democratic candidates Mrs. Margaret Evans and Daniel Waldman polled 1,222 votes and 1,168 votes, respectively.

Come Jan. 1, the GOP will once again control the council by a 4-2 margin.

For the past year, the Democrats have held control by the same margin, at least nominally. But Councilman William E. Trefurt, elected as a Democrat in 1973, switched to Independent last year, often casting votes with the Republicans.

Mr. Trefurt did not seek reelection this year.

The other seat up this year was held by H.A. "Hal" Steiner 3rd, a Democrat who was defeated in his party's primary in his bid to run for a second term.

Republican Virginia H. Giersch, running unopposed for the post of tax collector, polled 2,091 votes.

Some 3,084 voters, or 80 per cent of those registered to vote, went to the polls here yesterday.

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LITTLE SILVER GOP VICTORIOUS — Republican council candidates Laurence McHeffey, left, and Richard Roddy total up the votes in Little Silver, which showed them winning two council seats and returning control of the governing body to the GOP. The town's voters also turned down a liquor license referendum by nearly a 2-1 vote.

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GOP GAIETY — Relaxing after a GOP sweep of Oceanport's council contest are, left to right, Robert and Lois Olsen, Ann and Ralph Marra, and Clement V. Sommers, mayor and Republican municipal chairman. Mr. Olsen and Mr. Marra won seats on Borough Council by wide margins.

Incumbent Republicans win in Oceanport council race

By LINDA ELLIS

OCEANPORT — The Democrats bid to gain two seats on a Republican-dominated council was squelched yesterday, as 79.5 per cent of the voters went to the polls and reelected a GOP incumbent and his running mate.

Robert J. Olsen, a former councilman, polled the highest number of votes, 1,361. Incumbent Councilman Ralph C. Marra received 1,285 votes.

They defeated Democratic candidates Peter A. Dellera, who polled 959 votes, and John W. Ibex, who garnered 751.

The makeup of borough council remains 5-1 Republican.

"I'm delighted," Mr. Olsen said, "because I put a lot of effort into the administrative and financial structure of Oceanport when I was on council before, and I don't want to see it move backward. I regard myself as a technician rather than a politician. . .I hope the people voted for me as a person and not as a Republican. There is no room for party politics in Oceanport."

"We're pleased as the voter response and exceptionally pleased at the plurality. It indicates we have a responsive government and that the public has confirmed our platform of qualifications in government," Mr. Marra, who was appointed to his council seat Jan. 1 this year, said Walter A. Karas, Democratic municipal chairman, said, "You can't run a Democrat in a Republican town."

Clement V. Sommers, GOP municipal chairman, said the newly-elected councilmen will "keep it going. They have all the qualifications."

Among disputed issues in a low-key campaign were a stalled senior citizens complex, a 16-month work halt on new Oceanport Ave. and the financial assets of the borough.

Approximately 2,332 out of the borough's 2,933 registered voters went to the polls yesterday. These figures do not include absentee balloting.

Goldstein victor in Matawan Twp.

MATAWAN TOWNSHIP — Burt Goldstein, a Republican businessman, outpolled Democrat Joseph Otterbine in a one-on-one race for a Township Council seat yesterday by 331 votes.

Mr. Goldstein gathered in 3,284 votes, while Mr. Otterbine picked up 2,953.

The victory will put a second Republican on the Township Council. However, control of the council remains with the Democrats who will have a 5-to-2 edge.

The GOP victor carried seven of 13 voting districts and bucked a pro-Carter—and generally pro-Democrat—voting trend to earn his victory.

Voter turnout was 77 per cent with 6,842 of the township's 8,823 registered voters coming out to cast ballots.

"I polled more votes than Ford and Carter," said a jubilant Mr. Goldstein at a victory party last night. "To me, this says the local voter took a careful look at his local candidates and the local issues."

Mr. Goldstein campaigned hard attacking Mr. Otterbine's attendance record as a member of the Matawan Regional School District Board of Education. The Republican also stressed economy in government, lashing out at the growing size of municipal government here.

Both Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Otterbine were unsuccessful candidates for council seats in the 1975 race. The Democrat came within 13 votes of election then.

"This time," said Mr. Goldstein, "we didn't get bogged down in a ticket of four. . .It was strictly a one-on-one horse race.

The Republican ran a particularly strong race in the voting districts in and around his home area of Strathmore. Mr. Otterbine's strength came mainly from his home area of Cliffwood.

Burt Goldstein

Holmdel committee seats to Tricarico, Mrs. Frey

HOLMDEL — The Republican candidates here handily won seats on the Township Committee yesterday, while two referendums were soundly defeated by voters.

Incumbent Frank J. Tricarico defeated Democrat James J. O'Leary for a one-year unexpired term, 1,990 to 1,219. Mrs. Elaine Frey beat Richard G. Holler, a Democrat, for a full-term by a vote of 2,127 to 1,085. Mrs. Frey is the first woman elected to the committee in the memory of local officials.

A question on whether Centerville Road should be extended, as outlined in the township Master Plan of 1971, was defeated, as 2,376 voted against the extension compared to 774 for. Opponents of the extension have contended that it would create a high speed thoroughfare between Rts. 34 and 35.

A question on whether to increase pensions for the local police force through a pension transfer was turned down, 2,104 to 1,013. The Township Committee, in opposing the transfer, had said that it would cost the township about $20,000 a year.

A total of 3,397 registered voters — 80.2 per cent of the local electorate — turned out to the polls.

Mrs. Frey, in commenting on her victory, cited the fact that she has worked on various organizations, including the Recreation Commission and Historical Society, in the township the past 10 years.

She also noted that she feels residents here "feel the Republicans do the best job for the township."

The committee, now containing four Republicans and one Democrat will become all GOP. Committeeman Eugene F. McEnroe, the lone Democrat, is leaving office.

Mr. Tricarico is president of the Universal Guardian Corp. Piscataway. Mr. Holler is a social studies teacher at Matawan Regional High School, and Mr. O'Leary is a machinist.

GENERAL ELECTION

MUNICIPALITIES	PRESIDENT		U.S. SENATE		CONGRESS 3rd Con. District		FREEHOLDER				SURROGATE	
	FORD	CARTER	WILLIAMS	NORCROSS	HOWARD	SICILIANO	NORTON	CLAYTON	BENDER	CROOK	SMITH	HILLMAN
Allenhurst	334	171	258	186	285	186	144	191	19	106	196	224
Allentown	436	327	400	331			300	347	4	1	342	335
Asbury Park	1867	3254	3187	1237	3444	1172	2624	1368	54	392	2759	1316
Atlantic Highlands	1274	1061	1354	900	1492	827	1082	988	31	163	1151	950
Avon	778	517	693	485	826	400	258	302	32	717	566	510
Belmar	1352	1273	1576	830	1851	711	1055	873	50	513	1242	1084
Bradley Beach	793	1099	1161	431	1301	382	763	407	45	446	973	474
Brielle	1368	501	704	1061	867	937	392	1121	32	214	464	1178
Colts Neck	2092	858	1257	1603	1441	1459	803	1759	24	266	893	1808
Deal	453	394	482	278	531	256	331	282	25	137	391	322
Eatontown	2229	1789	2316	1474	2562	1317	1636	1648	62	330	1823	1688
Englishtown	162	146	163	114	184	92	103	127	6	22	121	114
Fair Haven	1816	997	1472	1280	1649	1151	1025	1498	20	188	1084	1491
Farmingdale	272	149	186	200	212	186	110	244	7	38	141	226
Freehold	1878	1705	2227	1198	2352	1136	1489	1544	41	329	1867	1299
Freehold Township	3856	3200	3987	2685	4073	2688	2752	3296	80	524	3354	2899
Hazlet	4501	3935	5087	2965	5183	3045	3561	3568	106	666	4106	3421
Highlands	879	873	1048	556	1009	529	863	611	26	137	900	608
Holmdel	2178	1110	1565	1631	1595	1633	1073	1827	43	22	1189	1860
Howell Township	3962	3848	4615	2597	4902	2519	3369	3201	144	526	3892	2846
Interlaken	424	204	284	310	342	279	158	291	16	142	201	340
Keansburg	1587	2013	2222	800	2303	835	1894	859	59	266	2003	861
Keyport	1458	1428	1765	883			1170	981	39	298	1448	1001
Little Silver	2022	948	1506	1420	1604	1365	1014	1661	23	228	1014	1735
Loch Arbour	123	88	122	70	147	61	81	62	12	54	108	71
Long Branch	4271	5540	6120	2456	6524	2439	4589	3430	159	722	5073	2895
Manalapan	3360	3479	4371	2024	4240	2207	3265	2455	96	415	3613	2287
Manasquan	1747	859	1287	1141	1532	1034	780	1414	32	260	943	1388
Marlboro	2666	2928	3595	1708	3625	1694	2894	1935	73	307	3091	1895
Matawan	2059	1649	2118	1365	2168	1285	1444	1487	50	419	1676	1486
Matawan Township	3111	3504	4199	2119			3221	2319	101	334	3558	2406
Middletown	14042	8869	12316	9670	12675	9647	8934	10586	261	2103	9839	10823
Millstone	542	585	694	336	754	278	526	359	11	75	605	317
Monmouth Beach	789	465	640	534	680	525	463	538	21	189	504	595
Neptune City	1256	1003	1265	830	1528	701	792	899	21	417	1006	920
Neptune	5761	5526	6345	4054	7019	3728	4631	4339	163	1298	5281	4229
Oceanport	1351	905	1227	867	1373	819	768	1167	26	172	908	1024
Ocean Township	5072	4616	5758	3253	6594	2769	3991	3768	186	1162	4660	3707
Red Bank	2332	2242	2706	1603	2775	1612	2048	1954	45	181	2122	1844
Roosevelt	76	292	300	45			236	36	4	31	257	41
Rumson	2502	1079	1624	1826	1851	1631	1095	2202	43	183	1104	2111
Sea Bright	478	374	526	299	549	290	593	269	9	21	435	318
Sea Girt	1076	279	461	804	598	696	227	805	18	220	297	874
Shrewsbury	986	513	778	686	851	637	507	835	14	91	626	771
Shrewsbury Township	132	173	206	84	214	84	162	101	6	13	166	89
South Belmar	318	437	490	186	573	154	340	157	9	167	406	207
Spring Lake	1417	626	996	913	1023	770	504	862	32	481	719	999
Spring Lake Heights	1502	945	1411	939	1634	792	914	1009	27	371	1140	1027
Tinton Falls	1362	1227	1518	989	1656	898	1062	1215	36	165	1163	1109
Union Beach	894	1175	1435	520	1451	538	1167	614	25	129	1250	567
Upper Freehold Township	544	363	392	466			292	498	11	14	337	472
Wall Township	5077	2674	3742	3614	4732	2873	2375	3968	98	928	2832	4089
West Long Branch	1869	1371	1790	1269	1957	1241	1159	1647	60	178	1367	1467
Civilian Absentees	Absentee vote count delayed											
Military Absentees												
TOTAL	104,686	85,586	107,957	70,268	108,731	62,508	77,029	79,924	2,375	17,770	87,206	78,627

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